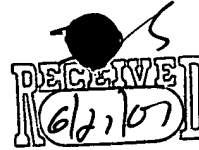


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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **CANCEL** Claims 90-97 without prejudice.

Please **AMEND** Claims 98-99 and 106 as follows:

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A method for determining a discount, the method comprising:
receiving a customer identifier that indicates a customer;
determining a previous purchase associated with the customer and a time of the previous purchase;
determining a first discount associated with the customer and a time of the first discount;
determining a current transaction associated with the customer and a time of the current transaction;
determining a first difference between the time of the current transaction and the time of the previous purchase;
determining a second difference between the time of the current transaction and the time of the first discount;
determining a second discount based on whether the first difference is less than a predetermined minimum transaction period and whether the second difference is greater than a predetermined discount adjustment period; and
providing the second discount to the customer.

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A method for determining a discount, the method comprising:
receiving a customer identifier that indicates a customer;
determining a previous purchase associated with the customer and a time of the previous purchase;
determining a first discount associated with the customer and a time of the first discount;
determining a current transaction associated with the customer and a time of the current transaction;
determining a first difference between the time of the current transaction and the time of the previous purchase;
determining a second difference between the time of the current transaction and the time of the first discount;
determining, on a data processing device, a second discount based on whether the first difference is less than a predetermined minimum transaction period and whether the second difference is greater than a predetermined discount adjustment period; and
providing the second discount to the customer.

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106. (AMENDED) The method of claim ~~95~~², in which determining the second discount further comprises:
decreasing the first discount by a predefined value, if the first difference is not less than the predetermined minimum transaction period.

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